



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Stephen A. Del Guercio, Laura Olhasso, Anthony J. Portantino, Mayor Pro Tem David Spence, and Mayor Gregory C. Brown

Staff members present: City Manager Alexander, City Attorney Steres, Director of Public Works Castellanos, Director of Community Development Stanley, City Treasurer Voss, City Engineer Kwan, Senior Management Analyst Goytia Strauss, Senior Planner Buss, Public Safety Coordinator Stegner, Management Analyst Wilson, Management Analyst Alameda, and City Clerk Sessman

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brown opened the public comment period. There were no comments from the public.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. REVIEW OF THE FY 2006-07 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLAN AND THE FY 2006-07 COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

City Manager Alexander delivered a Power Point presentation that provided an overview on the following sections of the preliminary budget: budget nomenclature; the hearing process; general fund revenues, expenditures and reserves; preliminary general fund highlights; program expenditures; and Council Consideration Items.

At the conclusion of City Manager Alexander's presentation, there was discussion among and between the members of the City Council and staff regarding the following items in the Preliminary Budget & Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-07 and Council Consideration Items documents.

Councilmember Del Guercio stated that he was recusing himself from any discussions on items pertaining to current and/or future contracts with the County of Los Angeles as the County of Los Angeles provides a source of revenue to his firm.

Councilmember Portantino stated that he was recusing himself from any discussions of items pertaining to Memorial Park or La Cañada Boulevard as his home is located on La Cañada Boulevard.

General Fund Revenues

City Manager Alexander reviewed the projections for the various sources of General Fund Revenue, provided an explanation for any variances from FY '04-05 to FY '06-07 and responded to Council questions.

City Council

City Manager Alexander provided a clarification of the type of expenses contained in the Professional Services account.

Legal Services

City Manager Alexander noted that all legal services are included within this program budget, including litigation and special counsel services.

City Manager

City Manager Alexander reviewed the requested operation expenditures and capital outlay.

City Council

City Manager Alexander reviewed the requested operation expenditures and capital outlay.

Elections

City Manager Alexander reviewed the requested operation expenditures and capital outlay.

Finance Program

City Manager Alexander reviewed the requested operation expenditures of this program and announced that interviews for the Director of Administrative Services position in the Finance Department were held on Friday, June 16, 2006.

Non-Departmental

City Manager Alexander reviewed the requested operation expenditures and capital outlay.

In response to inquiries from the City Council, City Manager Alexander provided a brief explanation on the workers compensation (Account No. 01-06-5005) and primary and retro premium monies budgeted for.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Olhasso, Senior Planner Buss explained that the following Geographical Information System (Account No. 01-06-8239) expenses are one time expenses: Digital Map Products (\$8,000) and Client & Server Software (\$10,000).

Public Safety

City Manager Alexander provided additional detail on the programs funded within the Public Safety Program (Account No. 01-21-6081).

In response to inquiries from the City Council, Public Safety Coordinator Stegner expressed the Public Safety Commission's support of the Success Through Awareness & Resistance program (S.T.A.R program) and their desire to see the program continue. In addition, he further explained that the Commission has expressed concern with the funding of this program being placed on the City.

In response, City Manager Alexander explained that the program is jointly funded between the City and the La Canada School District. He explained that over the past couple of years, the percentage funded by the La Canada School District has decreased. He also stated that this budget year, the La Cañada School District stated that they will be able to fund only \$13,000 of the total cost.

The City Council expressed their desire to see the program continue but also expressed their concern with the City taking the bulk of responsibility for funding the program.

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to refer this item to the Joint Use Committee.

Traffic Safety Fund

City Manager Alexander reviewed the Traffic Safety fund balance, expenditures and liabilities.

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG)

City Manager Alexander explained that the LLEBG has been discontinued by the federal government.

Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund State Grant (SLESF)

City Manager Alexander reviewed the fund balance, proposed expenditures and liabilities for the program.

Recreation & Human Services

City Manager Alexander reviewed the requested operation expenditures and capital outlay.

Bonds & Grants Fund

City Manager Alexander reviewed the fund balance, proposed expenditures and liabilities for the program.

Proposition A and C

City Manager Alexander reviewed the fund balance, proposed expenditures and liabilities for the program.

In response to inquiries from the City Council, City Manager Alexander explained that these are restricted funds that can only be used for transportation purposes and limited street improvements.

There was discussion among the City Council and staff regarding the use of Proposition A and C funds in connection with some of the projects proposed in the Council Consideration Items.

Councilmember Del Guercio requested that Shuttle be completely budgeted with Proposition A funds since the Proposition C funds have fewer restrictions on what monies can be used for.

Consensus: There was a consensus of the City Council to transfer the recommended budgeting of half the Shuttle from Proposition C (Account No. 29-51-6061) to the Proposition A fund.

Planning

City Manager Alexander reviewed the requested operation expenditures and capital outlay.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Community Development Director Stanley reviewed CDBG allocations and discussed current regulations, timelines and reporting requirements for the use of these grant funds.

Lanterman Auditorium

City Manager Alexander reviewed the requested operations and capital outlay for the ensuing year.

In response to inquiries by the City Council, Management Analyst Alameda confirmed that resurfacing of the Lanterman Auditorium floor is a higher priority than the new sound system requested during last year's budget.

Property Acquisition Fund

City Manager Alexander reviewed the fund balance, proposed expenditures and liabilities for the fund.

Debt Service Fund

City Manager Alexander reviewed the fund balance, proposed expenditures and liabilities for the fund.

AQMD Fund

City Manager Alexander reviewed the fund balance, proposed expenditures and liabilities for the fund.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Councilmembers' reports regarding regional and local representation - ***None***

Councilmembers' requests for future agenda items - ***None***

Councilmembers' comments - ***None***

City Manager and/or staff comments

City Manager Alexander stated that the City Council would meet on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. to continue budget deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Kathleen R. Sessman
City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on July 17, 2006.